

Applicants : Trivedi et al.
Serial No. : 10/669,081

Remarks

Claims 2-15, 20, 27-29 and 31-40 have been allowed.

Claims 1, 16-19, 21-26, and 30 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Applicant Admitted Prior Art (AAPA) in combination with Kizilyalli et al (US 6,174,807) in view of Fujii et al (US 5,355,010) or Hunter et al (US 5,940,725). The Examiner has also objected to claim 21 under 37 CFR 1.75(c).

By this amendment, claims 16, 18-21, and 29-30 have been canceled without prejudice, and claims 1, 17, and 22-26 have been amended. In particular, claim 1 has been amended with the allowable subject matter of claim 20, thereby claim 1 as amended is now believed allowable. Additionally, claims 22-26 have been amended to depended from amended claim 1, and for proper antecedence thereto. These claims are also now believed allowable. Further, claim 17 has been amended with the allowable subject matter of claim 29, thereby claim 17 is now believed allowable.

Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance. The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to resolve efficiently any formal matters or to discuss any aspects of the application or of this response. Otherwise, early notification of allowable subject matter is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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